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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy to the DCI for the Intelligence
Community

SUBJECT: Warning Systems - Display Conferencing
(DISCON)

1. The NOIWON System was first suggested in April
of 1973. Although it was technically operating within
three weeks (at a cost of $50.00), it took almost a year
before it was operational in a bureaucratic sense.

2. The CONTEXT System, which adds a visual dimension
to a voice conference, has been in development and test
for almost six months and will be operational in a technical
sense about the first of the year. Thereafter, user demon-
strations and interagency coordination will be necessary to
make the system truly operational.

3. In view of the lead times involved in those
relatively simple systems I would like to start as early
as possible on DISCON, which would add another visual
dimension to CONTEXT. DISCON would include the following
kinds of displays which could be called up on demand for
discussion in a CONTEXT type of conference:

    a. Indication lists done on the decision
stairway format (time vs. probability), including
a provision for our own decisions and actions as
well as hostile decisions and actions.

    b. Map overlays, including a dynamic pointing
and sketching capability.

    c. A chronograph of actions of opponents
(including US and/or between secondary parties)
for purposes of pattern recognition among confer-
ring analysts.

4. A planned program for DISCON should be initiated including estimates of in-house and contractor manpower and money.

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